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SUBJECT: SHIP VISIT TO JAKARTA

1. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE VISIT OF USS JUNEAU NEED  
BE POSTPONED.

2. NOTE TO FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED REQUESTING AP-  
PROVAL, BUT NO REPEAT NO RESPONSE EXPECTED UNTIL ABOUT ONE  
WEEK PRIOR SHIP'S ARRIVAL, AS IS CUSTOMARY PRACTICE. IN  
MEANTIME, INDONESIAN NAVY INFORMALLY NOTIFIED, AND PREPARATIONS  
FOR VISIT ARE GOING FORWARD ON ASSUMPTION THAT, AS USUAL,  
GOI APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. NORMALLY SHIP VISITS RECEIVE ONLY MODERATE PRESS ATTENTION.  
OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT ODDS ARE AGAINST ANY SPECCAL COVERAGE  
OF JUNEAU VISIT RELATED TO TIMOR ISSUE IN GENERAL OR UNSC  
DEGATES IN PARTICULAR. SINCE TIMOR FIGHTING BEGAIN, THERE  
HAVE BEEN UK, AUSTRALIAN AND FRENCH (LATTER HERE DURING  
GUICCIARDI VISIT) FLEET VISITS WHICH GIVEN ROUTINE PRESS  
PLAY. UK VISIT INCLUDED JOINT EXERCISES WITH INDONESIAN  
NAVY. FRENCH VISIT ALSO PLANNED TO INCLUDE MANEUVERS, BUT  
THESE WERE CANCELLED DUE "OTHER BUSINESS" INDONESIAN VES-  
SELS. HOWEVER, NO MANEUVERS (WHICH MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE  
INTERPRETED AS SUPPORT FOR INDONESIAN ACTIONS IN TIMOR)  
PLANNED IN CONNECTION WITH JUNEAU'S CALL.

4. THERE IS ALWAYS SMALL POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OF FOREIGN  
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CORRESPONDENTS IN JAKARTA MIGHT HIGHLIGHT VISIT IN RELA-

TION TO TIMOR IN EVENT IT COINCIDED WITH UNSC DEATES. IN SUCH CASE, WE WOULD PLAN MAKE CLARIFYING STATEMENT EMPHASIZING ROUTINE NATURE OF VISIT AND FACT THAT IT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MANY MONTHS, AS WELL AS REITERATING OUR STANDING POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN TIMOR.

5. WHAT MIGHT BE MORE SERIOUS CONCERN IN OUR VIEW IS POSSIBILITY THAT VISIT, IF IT ATTRACTED ANY NOTICE IN US, MIGHT BE USED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS PART OF ATTACK ON US MILITARY AID TO INDONESIA AND ALLEGED USE US EQUIPMENT IN TIMOR --ASSUMING THERE IS ANY CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

6. WHILE THERE IS PERHAPS SMALL RISK THT PRESS OR CONGRESS MIGHT DRAW WRONG CONCLUSIONS FROM VISIT, CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT ALSO SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION BY GOI. IF DECISION IS MADE TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL, RECOMMEND THIS BE DONJAS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. LAST MINUTE PULL-OUT (WHICH HAS HAPPENED WITH US VISITS HERE BEFORE FOR LEGITIMATE OPERATIONAL REASONS) THAT COINCIDED WITH UNSC DEBATE ON TIMOR COULD CAUSE GOI RESENTMENT.  
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